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WE call the attention of our readers to the inaugural lecture on "Faust," delivered in Convocation Hall by Professor Macgillivray, and published in this issue. Unfortunately the Professor was suffering from severe hoarseness, and failed to make himself distinctly heard throughout the building, so that his able lecture was lost to a large proportion of the audience. It is needless for us to add words of recommendation, as the lecture speaks for itself. It will no doubt be perused with interest by all our readers, especially by students of German literature.

The readers of the JOURNAL, and especially our medical friends, will be delighted to find in this number the familiar face of Professor Fowler, Dean of the Medical Faculty. To his untiring efforts on behalf of the Royal, with which he has been connected since its inception, is due, to a great extent, the success of that institution. Through his energy and tact, together with the help of an able staff of assistants, the Royal has steadily advanced with the times, and has maintained its position as one of the leading medical schools of Canada. Wherever students of the Royal are found, whether in the cities and towns and villages of Canada, or in various parts of the U.S., by their almost invariable success in face of the keenest opposition, in which only the fittest survive, they exemplify satisfactorily the excellent quality of the instruction they have received.

The *Mail* criticises the JOURNAL'S report of the last match for the championship between Queen's and Hamilton. The sporting editor of the *Mail* is apparently a warm supporter of Hamilton, and of course it would never do to detract from the lustre of the champions' laurels by admitting unfairness or incompetency on the part of the referee. In all the matches in which Queen's took part during the past season, except those with Ham-

ilton, ample satisfaction was given by the various referees. In the match with Ottawa, the referee nominated by the Ottawa team was accepted, and our men were satisfied with the fairness and impartiality of his decisions. These facts are mentioned to show that we are always satisfied when a reasonable amount of fairness is shown on the part of the referee. We are always willing to acknowledge an honest defeat, and to respect opponents who have won from us laurels we prized, but in the last match with Hamilton the question of victory or defeat need not enter. Whether victorious or defeated, it is not unworthy of us (though the *Mail* says it is, but on what new principles we are at a loss to know), to protest against what we believe to be unfairness, and what, if persisted in, will eventually destroy the game of football. Is it fair, we ask, on the part of the Union, to persist in the appointment of a referee against whom Queen's had protested as having entirely forfeited their confidence, notably, by giving two different and irreconcilable statements with regard to the first match with Hamilton? We must also inform the *Mail* that those who saw the match in question were by no means unanimous in their opinion that Hamilton won because they had the stronger team. Some of the decisions during the match were admitted to be unfair to Queen's, even by men on the Hamilton team, and independent spectators who understood the game have stated that it was the referee who won the victory for Hamilton. If the referee was impartial in his decisions, then he must have been incompetent to fill the position he occupied.

A NOVEL OFFER.

We note that the publishers of *The Dominion Illustrated* have organized a plan by which over \$3,000 worth of prizes are to be distributed among the subscribers to that paper, subject to their correctly answering simple questions on the current contents of each number. We learn that the first prize will be \$750 in gold, the second a Heintzman piano worth \$600, and that the rest of the many prizes in the competition will be of an unusually costly and valuable nature.

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We have very much pleasure in noting such liberal offers from our leading illustrated journal, and hope that all our readers will take advantage of them.

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